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SUBJECT: GENERAL SUMITRO ON NEW LEADERSHIP STYLE

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1. IN SPEECH BEFORE VETERANS LEGION ON NOVEMBER 17, DEPUTY ARMED FORCES COMMANDER GENERAL SUMITRO REPEATED HIS PLEDGE THAT GOI WOULD ADOPT A NEW LEADERSHIP STYLE STRESSING "OPENESS" ETC., BEGINNING WITH SECOND YEAR PLAN IN APRIL 1974. HIS REMARKS WERE GENERALLY SIMILAR TO THOSE REPORTED REFTEL EXCEPT THAT THIS TIME (ACCORDING PRESS) SUMITRO NOTED THAT JAKARTA AND WEST JAVA WERE "EXCEPTIONS" WHERE IMPLEMENTATION OF "NEW STYLE" MIGHT BE DELAYED "FOR THE TIME BEING". SUMITRO SAID THAT TO COMPENSATE FOR THIS, GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO HAVE "INTENSIVE DIALOGUES" WITH ANYONE AT ANY TIME, IN THE SPIRIT OF "FAMILYNESS" (KEKELUARGAAN).

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2. SUMITRO'S REMARKS CAME ON SECOND DAY OF

CONFERENCE WHICH WAS OPENED BY PRESIDENT SUHARTO ON NOVEMBER 17 WITH SPEECH IN WHICH CHIEF OF STATE ADMITTED SHORTCOMINGS IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, DENIED THAT ITS GOALS WERE PURELY ECONOMIC, AND WARNED THAT MIRACLES WERE NOT TO BE EXPECTED.

3. RESPONSE TO SUMITRO'S "NEW STYLE" SPEECHES CONTINUES TO BE DOMINATED BY SURPRISE AND ADMIRATION. HOWEVER, CARTOON IN NOVEMBER 18 DAILY SINAR HARAPAN WHICH SHOWED THE GENERAL BECKONING INNOCENT-LOOKING STUDENTS INTO A DUNGEON, TELLING THEM "THIS DOOR WILL BE OPEN FROM NOW ON", AND OBVIOUSLY READY TO BANG IT SHUT, REFLECTED VIEWS OF SOME CYNICS THAT GOI MAY MERELY BE TRYING TO FLUSH CRITICS INTO THE OPEN. THERE IS ALSO SOME DANGER THAT "HUNDRED FLOWERS" TYPE POLICY COULD STIMULATE FLOOD OF ENTHUSIASTIC CRITICISM TO POINT WHERE SECURITY AUTHORITIES WOULD BE FORCED TO REVERT TO REPRESSION, WHATEVER THEIR ORIGINAL INTENTIONS MAY HAVE BEEN.  
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